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In Re Patent Application of)	ATTENTION: BOX AF
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Nobuo TSURUOKA et al)	Group Art Unit: 1652
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Application No.: 09/147,947)	Examiner: William Moore
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Filed: March 24, 1999)	
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For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE)	

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2001, please amend
the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 and 17-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please replace claims 5, 6, 9, 14-16, 21-30 and 44-59 as follows:

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5. (Three Times Amended) An isolated DNA which codes for the serine
protease or domain, as claimed in claim 21.

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